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Forests

Expenditure on and income from buildings in forests.

*1775 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount spent on buildings in forests;

(b) the amounts spent in each of the last five years for which accounts are available on new constructions and repairs separately; and

(c) what percentage of income, if any, is received under buildings?

A.—(a) to (c) A statement [a] is appended containing all available information.

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU:—"Who is in charge of these buildings."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"They are in charge of the Forest department, i.e., the Chief Conservator and his subordinates."

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU:—"Why are these buildings in charge of the Forest department? Is there any engineering expert among them?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"These are Forest buildings intended for various Forest officers."

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU:—"I understand that all Government buildings should be in charge of expert engineers."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"There are engineers in the Forest department."

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU:—"How many?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Notice."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"Are these buildings available for public use?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I want notice, Sir, if the Member wants an accurate answer. These buildings are intended for the use of the officers of the department. If any building is not in use, it will be available for the public, I think, provided that previous intimation is given to the officer concerned."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government have enquired into the question as to why the income during the year 1927–28 has fallen so low as 12·3 per cent?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Notice, Sir."

Depressed classes

Scholarships to depressed classes.

* 1776 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of scholarships of various description available for the depressed classes;

(b) the number that were allotted to each district during 1927–28;

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 374 infra.

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(c) whether there is a proposal before the Government to allot a certain number of scholarships for each district, taking into consideration the population of the depressed classes and their educational progress; and

(d) whether complaints have been received by Government that restriction regarding the age beyond which the boys of the depressed classes will not be eligible for scholarships prevents many grown-up boys from taking advantage of the educational facilities provided by the Government and other bodies?

A.—(a) to (d) The hon. Member is referred to the Administration Report of the Labour Department for 1927–28 which has been placed on the Editors' Table and which gives details of the various scholarships at the disposal of the Labour Department for grant to pupils belonging to the depressed classes.

In other departments, besides the scholarships instituted generally for all communities to which the depressed classes are also eligible, the following scholarships have been reserved for the benefit of pupils belonging to the depressed classes:—

Education Department.

(1) Eighteen collegiate scholarships.

(2) Sixteen scholarships and an equal number of fee remissions commencing from the first form and continuing throughout the secondary school course.

(3) Twenty-seven scholarships commencing in Standard VI and renewable in Standards VII and VIII of higher elementary schools.

Development Department.

Two scholarships out of the six tenable at the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, are specially reserved for students belonging to the depressed classes.

Local Self-Government Department.

(1) Five stipends tenable for four years in medical schools.

(2) Thirty-six free studentships in the medical colleges for students belonging to backward and depressed classes, the number to be awarded every year being determined with reference to the number and qualifications of the applicants belonging to those classes.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether any concessions are given to the depressed classes regarding age limit for scholarship ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Of the scholarships available in the Agricultural College, may I know the number that were taken by the depressed classes members ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

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Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether there is any student of the depressed class reading in the Agricultural College ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Notice."

Irrigation

Special establishment for the construction of a reservoir across the Ponniar river.

* 1777 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government intend to sanction the cost of special establishment asked for by the Chief Engineer in 1927 for the investigation of the scheme to construct a reservoir across the Ponniar river ;

(*b*) what is the probable extent of land that might be irrigated by the proposed reservoir ; and

(*c*) why this matter has been delayed so long ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1353 delivered on 1st February 1929.

II

MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1929-30.

DEMAND XI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—SECRETARIATS—*cont.*

The hon. the President :—" The Council will now resume consideration of Demand XI. Mr. Kaleswara Rao will continue his speech."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" Mr. President, I referred to the arrest of Mr. Manoranjana Gupta at Bezwada in the night. He was suffering from 102° fever and also from very serious cough.

" I do not propose to deal in detail with the detention of Mr. Narayana Menon in prison. There is a separate cut for that and I wish only to say that the hon. Mr. Krishnan Nayar when he was a non-official Member was the most vehement supporter . . ."

* The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member has already said that the cut regarding the release of Mr. Narayana Menon will be moved. The hon. Member will therefore not be justified in anticipating that motion. Secondly the present question has reference only to the Government's policy of repression and not to the release of prisoners. I request the hon. Member to pass on to the next item in his list of acts of repression."

* Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" I wish to submit that the Government's attitude in the case of the release of Aminabi and giving an amnesty to Mappilla rebels and putting a stop to the colonization of Andamans by Mappillas has become adamantine.

" As soon as the Congress was over, policemen have been let loose to follow, watch and shadow, sit in front of their house and annoy political workers in the various parts of the province and they have been shadowing them to such an extent that they frightened people from giving them shelter and food. That